Statement-II

Details of turnover, profit earned by Government on sale of petroleum products

(Rs. Crore)

Year	Turnover	Profit
1998-1999	126744.31	3851.74
1999-2000	171061.62	4245.98
2000-2001	215748.22	4682.35
TOTAL	513554.15	12780.07

Mathura Refinery

3208. **SHRI SATISH PRADHAN**: Will the Minister of **PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in "The Indian Express" dated 6th March, 2002 under the heading "Sulphur decreased as fuel leaves Mathura Refinery"; and

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereto and what corrective steps have been taken or Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to Indian Oil Corporation Limited the sulphur values reported at Mathura refinery and Bijwasan terminal are within reproducible limits, compared to the standards internationally prescribed by organisations like Institute of Petroleum U.K. and American Society for Testing and Materials.